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ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಜಯದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಶ್ರೀರಾಮ ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗೆ ಕಬ್ಬು ಸಿಗದೇ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗದೇ ಇರುವುದು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹಣ ಒದಗಿಸಿ ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಮುಗಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ? ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ಸಿಗದೇ ಕಬ್ಬು ಸಿಗದೇ ಹೋದರೆ ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯನ್ನು ಮಂಚ್ಚೆಬೇಕಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬರಬಹುದು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಲೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

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Shore based Steel Plant for Mangalore.

314 SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES (Bharathinagar).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka are aware that there had been during the past about two years some preliminary talks between the Government of India and a few foreign countries for assistance to build more steel plants in India, including a shorebased steel plant at Mangalore :

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka are interested in making attempts to get such a shore-based steel plant for Mangalore particularly in view of the possibility of being able to use Kuduremukh Iron Ore ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) The State Government understand that this matter has been discussed by the Government of India.

(b) Yes.

SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES.—I would like to say that while the answer is in the affirmative about that the Governments's interest to make attempts, it has not been mentioned as to what are its attempts. I would just like to ask the Chief Minister, whether he would agree that if the West Coast of Karnataka has to be developed economically, then a shorebased steel plant is necessary. We have to make attempts to use the Kudremukh Iron Ore which we have on our shoulders, because at the moment Iron is not going to lift all of it. Even if Iron lifts all the quantity, we have the capacity to get more than the requirement of Iron. According to the original contract this ore can be used in the shorebased steel mill either by using Coking Coal imported at cheap rate from Australia or by the direct method using natural gas. It can be got from Bombay through a Pipe line all along the Coastal line.

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—Instead of asking question, you made a speech. We are really interested in the shorebased steel plant. That is why, we have requested the Government of India and they

are also constituting a committee and trying to get a technical report about this. After considering all these aspects and if the foreign agencies and financing banks and institutions come forward and help the Government, and after the receipt of the technical report from the Committee if the Government of India decides that such a type of steel plant is necessary, definitely Karnataka will not lose that chance. We will try our level best to see that it is established.

SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES.—Whether the Chief Minister is aware that as early as in October 1978, the then Union Minister of Industries Sri George Fernandes had discussions with Sri Judith Heart, Minister for Overseas Development of United Kingdom, on the basis of which a team came to visit Mangalore and found it to be an ideal place for a shorebased steel plant on the west coast? The Government offered at that time Government to Government assistance and British Consortium not only came forward to make finances, but also give technological advices. This subject was also discussed in the Union Cabinet at that time.....

MR. SPEAKER How does the Chief Minister know about the discussions that took place in the Union Cabinet?

SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES.—Therefore, I want to know whether he is aware of it.

MR. SPEAKER.—You could take an opportunity, take some time and discuss the matter with the Chief Minister.

SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES.—In the light of this, will the Chief Minister take more interest to find out the details from the Government of India? Does the Government of Karnataka feel that if a shorebased steel plant which is having better chances in Karnataka is established, it will affect the Vijayanagar Steel plant which issue is hanging from 9 years? Is there any fear of such kind?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—Absolutely there is no fear because Vijayanagar Steel Plant is totally different from that what you are advocating for a shore based steel plant in Mangalore. As the Hon. Speaker puts it, I do not know the details whether the decision has been taken etc. It is true that some delegations from other countries like United Kingdom, West Germany etc., came. They must have discussed. We do not know the details. We are interested to see that if at all the Government of India decides to have a shore-based steel plant in the coastal areas, we will certainly try to dress our demand to see that it should come to our State.

SRI ST. JOHN SINCLAIR MARLEY.—Sir, I am very pleased to hear what the Hon. Member Fernandes has said about the Steel Plant as well as the answers given by the Hon. Chief Minister. But I would like to caution the Government that a few of my colleagues and I have recently returned from the V.I.S.L., Bhadravathy, where we had a very fruitful talk with the Management and they really open our eyes about the non-availability of Vijayanagar Steel Plant. Now, every year in this House we keep shouting about "We must have this, we must have that." Unfortunately, we M. L. As' have been doing out these things with no technical background what so ever and I hope been the Government will consider very seriously before they consider this matter that has been put before the House. The Government should discuss with the technical people who know about this before any project like this is taken up so that we do not waste money. I would only request the Government, through you, to really go into these in depth before we take any steps so that we are not in the same position that we are with regard to the Vijayanagar Steel Plant where certain money is being sunk in and today we find it is not really a feasible project. Thank you.

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—Any way, it is not for the Government of Karnataka to find out what is the technical opinion, which is helpful and which is not helpful and which is feasible and which is not feasible. It is not for the Government of Karnataka or for the Government of India, it is again for the technical people and various authorities to find out which is feasible and where it should be done. All these things should be considered. As far as I know, there will be always divergent views but the Vijayanagar Steel Plant is once accepted and it is only due to some political changes in the Government of India, it is delayed. But now we are again pressing for it that it should be taken up earnestly.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಒತ್ತಾಯ ತರುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ವಿಷಯನಗರ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಫೋಲಿಟಿಕಲ್ ಚೇಂಜಸ್ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ದಿಡೀ ಆಯಿತು ಎಂದು ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅದು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಲ್ಲ.

Construction of a bridge at level crossing near Davanagere Cotton Mills.

341 SRI PAMPAPATHI (Davange e) —Will the Minister for Communications and Buildings be pleased to state:—

(a) whether is it a fact that there is a level crossing near Davanagere Cotton Mills ;